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## FUNSTON ASKS FOR MORE MEN; VILLA NOW IN FLIGHT TO HILLS

### BIGGEST VERDUN SUCCESS SINCE EARLY IN THE BATTLE, CLAIMED BY THE GERMANS

Paris Report Admits Loss of Position Ten Miles Northwest of the Fortress.

FLAMING LIQUID USED.

Hand-to-Hand Fighting After a Terrific Bombardment With Heavy Guns.

BERLIN, March 21 (via London).—The greatest success since the earlier days of the battle for Verdun, which so far entered on its second month, is claimed in reports issued this afternoon at the army headquarters.

Capture of French positions ten miles northwest of Verdun, northeast of Avocourt, was announced. The Germans took 2,532 prisoners and much booty.

The Paris report admits the loss of part of the Malancourt wood, ten miles northeast of Verdun, but claims the Germans were unable to advance from the position they gained.

The text of today's official statement is as follows:

"West of the Meuse, Bavarian regiments and battalions of Württemberg Landwehr after careful preparations stormed the entire strongly fortified French positions in and near the forest northeast of Avocourt. In addition to considerable sanguinary losses amounting to thirty-two officers, including two in command of regiments, and more than 2,500 men in unwounded prisoners and much war material, the amount of which has not yet been ascertained.

"Counter-attacks attempted by the enemy did not bring him any advantage. But on the contrary inflicted further serious losses upon him. East of the Meuse the situation is unchanged."

PARIS, March 21.—German troops have made further gains in their new offensive movement on the west bank of the Meuse. It was admitted this afternoon. Following is the text of the report:

"West of the river Meuse the Germans several times last night renewed their attacks against our front extending from Avocourt to Malancourt, where the bombardment by shells of large calibre continued without interruption. The attacks of the enemy were accompanied by the throwing of flaming liquid by detachments of men carrying special machines for this purpose.

"In spite of the heavy losses inflicted by our fire, the enemy was able to take possession, after hand-to-hand fighting, of the southwestern part of Malancourt wood—known as the Avocourt wood—which we occupied. All the efforts of the Germans to march out from the Avocourt wood resulted in failure. The night passed quietly on other sectors in the Verdun region.

"In Belgium a reconnaissance on the part of the enemy which took place along our line to the north of Pont d'Audene was at once driven back by a counter-attack.

"In the Argonne district our artillery has been very active along the southern boundary of the Cheppy wood."

### SEVEN WARSHIPS IN RUNNING FIGHT ON THE NORTH SEA

Four British and Three German Destroyers Engaged, and Both Sides Claim Hits.

LONDON, March 21.—A battle between four British and three German destroyers in which each side scored hits took place yesterday off the Belgian coast, according to an official report of the Admiralty. It is declared that two of the German destroyers were hit. The Admiralty does not give details, but admits four British destroyers were wounded. British reports said the German destroyers escaped to the naval base at Zeebrugge, Belgium, after a running fight.

The German Admiralty, in an official statement telegraphed here this afternoon, reported that German gunners made several direct hits on the British destroyers in the engagement. The British destroyers fled, according to the German statement.

Following is the text of the British Admiralty report:

"Yesterday morning four British destroyers sighted three German destroyers off the Belgian coast. The German destroyers at once turned and ran for Zeebrugge, chased by our own destroyers.

"Shots were exchanged. During this short running fight two enemy boats were observed to have been hit. Our casualties were four men wounded."

BERLIN, March 21.—(Via London).—The German Admiralty account of the battle between British destroyers and German torpedo boats off the Belgian Coast follows:

"On March 20, off the coast of Flanders, a fight which was successful for us took place between three German torpedo boats and a division of five British destroyers.

"The enemy broke off the engagement after he had received several direct hits and he steamed out of sight at full speed. We suffered only unimportant damage."

### POLHEMUS AND BRIDE AT BAR

Called Up in the Assembly and Presented with Wedding Gift.

ALBANY, March 21.—Assemblyman George Polhemus (Queen) and his bride of three days, a Suffragist, were called before the bar of the Assembly while in session today on a charge that Polhemus had been offered and accepted undue influence to vote for re-election to office.

After the charges were read in detail Speaker Sweet presented the couple with a punch bowl from the House, while the members cheered.

Senate Committee Favors Carter.

ALBANY, March 21.—The nominations of James M. Carter as State Superintendent of Prisons and of Dr. Leland C. C. Heath as Health Officer at the Port of New York were reported favorably by the Finance Committee of the Senate today.

### KUROPATKIN WINS BIG BATTLE WITH VON HINDENBURG

Russian Victories on Both Ends of Line Announced.

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT. Central Powers Defeated at Narocz Lake and on Dnieper.

LONDON, March 21.—Russian victories over the Austrians and Germans and successes on both ends of their battle line of 800 miles have been reported here and admitted at Berlin.

The news overshadowed the fighting around Verdun, where the Germans have made further advances.

The battering of heavy Russian guns against von Hindenburg's front in the north has forced the Germans to withdraw from a salient south of Narocz Lake. The German War Office admitted the retreatment in an official statement this afternoon, saying a retreat was necessary to avoid annihilation of German troops by the encircling fire of the Slavs.

Gen. Kuropatkin, Russian Commander-in-Chief in the Japanese war, commanded the army that forced the German retreatment.

Russian troops are concentrating in large force in the Volhynian district, probably for an attack on the Kovel-Chartorysk, according to despatches to Copenhagen.

A few hours earlier came admission from the Austrian War Office of an important Russian victory in Southeastern Galicia, thirty-eight miles northeast of Chernowit. The strongly fortified Usclevo bridgehead position, an Austrian bulwark through six months of heavy fighting, was surrendered to the Russians after a desperate seven hours' artillery and infantry battle.

Capture of the bridgehead position renders precarious the position of remaining Austrian forces on the north bank of the Dnieper, and forecasts the beginning of a new Russian campaign against Bukovina.

In view of the rumored entrance of Rumania into the war, this development is regarded as highly significant.

BERLIN, March 21 (via London).—The official report of the German War Office follows:

"The Russians are extending their attacks on the uttermost northern wing, south of Riga, and on the Dvina front and west of Jabotzki. They were repelled with sanguinary losses. Strong enemy reconnoitering detachments advancing against the German front northwest of Postavy and between Lakes Narocz and Wiaznow delivered especially strong and fruitless attacks throughout the day and night.

The losses of the enemy were proportionate to the number of troops employed. A few protruding narrow salients of our front due south of Lake Narocz has been withdrawn a few hundred metres toward the heights of Bliniski to avoid the enemy's encircling fire."

### WOULD PUNCH TEACHER.

That Was Brooklyn Boy's Response to Order to Take Off His Hat.

Thomas Orazio of No. 421 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, fifteen years old and heavily built, refused to stop whistling and to take off his hat when told by Principal Frank Stevens of Public School No. 94, Fifty-first Street and Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn, as he entered the building today. Mr. Stevens removed the boy and landed it to the boy.

"Take your glasses off your nose and I'll punch your face," said the pupil.

Policeman St. Hugh arrested the boy. He was held by Justice Wilkins in the Children's Court and his parents informed.

### HUNT FOR GAYNOR LETTERS IN CITY HALL TO SHED LIGHT ON SHIFT MADE BY MAYOR

Thompson Committee Agents Search Files During Period of Contract Making.

TO AID SHONT'S MEMORY

Gaynor Met Willcox and Interborough Head Before Latter's Visit to St. James.

Men from the Thompson Committee are searching today among the archives in the cellar of the City Hall for letters of the late Mayor Gaynor. The committee hopes to find something that will throw light on the operations between March 22, 1910, when President Shonts sent his letter to Chairman Willcox of the Public Service Commission finally stating the interborough's plans to build the new subways with its own money, and Mayor Gaynor's change of front following President Shonts' call on him at St. James, L. I.

It is believed that all correspondence Mayor Gaynor had on the subject of the new subways will be found in the official files, and the committee wants especially to discover what he may have written and received about March 22, March 23 and March 28, 1910, on which dates President Shonts made changes in his letter to Chairman Willcox—which offer he abandoned after his interview on April 23 following.

While all the personal letters of the late Mayor Gaynor are probably in possession of his executor, it is not impossible that some of his personal correspondence having a bearing on the change of his opinion as to the new subways may be discovered among official records. If any are found they may be helpful in still further stimulating the halting memory of President Shonts of the interborough. Aided by facts found in the records and much prodding by the Thompson Committee and its counsel, Mr. Shonts' memory has already made wonderful improvement.

MOSS DECLARES SHONT'S HAD FAIR PLAY.

"Mr. Shonts has had fair play," said Counsel Frank Moss today. "and he cannot say he has been crowded, but he is left today in a position where nobody believes him. All his talk about 'commitments and obligations' and his often repeated proverb, 'prices and quality must be equal before friendship begins,' have been shown to be more diverting and fawning."

"And why is he fawning? Why is he trying to divert the minds of the committee? What is the necessity for so much forgetting? You can't expect a man of big affairs to remember every little detail of negotiations; but you can't expect him, either, to really forget the big things."

"Think of his first testimony that he had had a talk with Mayor Gaynor and that he met him at his home at St. James, and then his admission that he had had a talk with him and Chairman Willcox of the Public Service Commission four days earlier at which the Mayor offered to be an arbitrator—not between the interborough and the B. R. T. but between

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### WIFE SAYS ARTIST LOST HIS \$100,000 HEART TO MODEL

Mrs. Malcolm Strauss Sues Miss Gladys Snellenberg, Whom Husband Painted.

In the Supreme Court today, Malcolm Strauss, painter of society women, requested his deep regret for having recently made a life-size painting of Miss Gladys Snellenberg, daughter of a Philadelphia millionaire and prominent in the younger set of New York and Philadelphia society. Part of the seven sittings of Miss Snellenberg has grown a \$100,000 alienation suit brought to Mrs. Katherine M. Strauss, the artist's wife, in litigation for some of his magazine covers.

Mrs. Strauss has also brought suit for separation from her husband. Supreme Court Justice Gavegan today awarded her \$20 a week pending the determination of the action. Mrs. Strauss is now living with her parents in Pittsburgh.

In the series of charity balls recently given in New York and Philadelphia, Miss Snellenberg has appeared in stunning costume, and these, it now appears, were designed by Strauss.

The artist told Justice Gavegan he contracted Oct. 15 last to make one painting and some costumes for charity affairs for Miss Snellenberg. Strauss told his wife of the contract and, he says, she begged him not to do the painting, but he was badly in need of funds.

"Much to my subsequent regret," Strauss informed the Court, "I agreed to go ahead with the painting. I had promised my wife not to do the painting, but when I realized she needed funds as badly as she did, I went ahead. I was obliged to finish the work for Miss Snellenberg, but I promised my wife after I had completed the contract I would not see Miss Snellenberg again."

"In the meantime my wife called on Milton Guterman, an attorney, and falsely represented to him my contract with Miss Snellenberg had been badly improper. Guterman then procured and a few days later I was sued for separation and Miss Snellenberg was made defendant in a \$100,000 alienation suit."

"As a matter of fact, my love for my wife is as great as ever," the artist concluded, "and I deny my contract with Miss Snellenberg was improper."

In the separation action Mrs. Strauss alleges her husband's love began to cool soon after he met Miss Snellenberg. She knew another woman had entered into his life, she alleges, because he refused to pay his home and his household expenses. "I felt and am still feeling," she declared, "that I was being deceived and that I was no longer his wife."

After Strauss had called his wife "that little devil," the papers charge, Mrs. Strauss investigated and learned her husband was keeping "illicit and clandestine appointments with his woman." Some of these secret engagements, she alleges, took place in her husband's studio at No. 4 West 15th street.

### ARTIST'S WIFE WHO SUES FOR \$100,000 WOMAN POSING FOR HIM.



MRS. MALCOLM STRAUSS.

### RICH GIRL ADMITS ROBBING STUDENTS

Irene Vogt, Popular in Class and Social Work, Arrested and Fined \$250.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., March 21.—Fretty Irene Vogt, a graduate student at Smith College, prominent in class work and social activities, who confessed to thefts from fellow students, was today fined \$250 in court here. She paid the money and then left for her home in Rhode Island.

Miss Vogt is a graduate of the class of 1913 and had been a college favorite. She was a leader in college athletics and her attractiveness and wealth gained her entrance to several of the more exclusive societies.

### HIGHWAY GRAB BILL PASSED BY ASSEMBLY

New York City Will Have to Pay 70 Per Cent. of \$1,956,275.

ALBANY, March 21.—By a vote of 48 to 35 the Assembly this afternoon passed the \$1,956,275 highway bill, appropriating \$1,956,275 for repair of main roads in up-State counties. New York City will contribute 70 per cent. of this in taxes and not participate in the distribution.

This bill was pronounced the most onerous and unfair of all highway bills at the recent conference of Mayor Mitchell with the city's legislative delegation.

All members from Greater New York, Democrats, Republicans, and even Socialists Stuppielloff, voted against the bill, with two exceptions. Assemblyman P. A. W. Remondino, of Brooklyn, voted with the up-State delegation, and Assemblyman Arthur H. Benson, Republican of the 12th Assembly District, the up-State vote, voted to support the bill's demand for no more votes, although present.

Mayor Under Attack in Frontiers. NORFOLK, Va., March 21.—The weekly steamship line from Norfolk to New York City, the Atlantic Coast Line, was today attacked by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, which is operating the line from Norfolk to Washington, D. C.

BUILD UP FATHER JOHNS' METHOD BASED ON 1000 AND 1000. A.M.

### U. S. TROOPS RUSH TO JOIN MEXICANS AND THROW NET AROUND VILLA IN FLIGHT

Disappearance of Two Aeroplanes Reported by Wireless to Columbus—"Few Hours Will Tell Story," Says Funston of Villa Hunt.

SAN ANTONIO, March 21.—Major Gen. Funston has asked the War Department for additional troops.

Gen. Funston did not state the number of troops he needed, but explained he wanted an adequate force to protect the "dangerously thin" line of communication already more than 100 miles long.

He had received no further news from Gen. Pershing. COLUMBUS, N. M., March 21.—A wireless message received here today from Gen. Pershing said that Carranza troops yesterday administered a severe defeat to Villa's forces and that Villa had retreated to the Santa Clara Mountains.

Two aeroplanes of the first squadron have been lost in flight en route from here to the front, according to the wireless despatch.

Capt. B. D. Fawcett, in command of the squadron, reported their failure to arrive and said their whereabouts was not known. Six machines arrived safely. High winds have made army airmen's tasks hazardous.

A third aeroplane piloted by Lieut. T. S. Bowen was partially wrecked in a fifty foot fall. Lieut. Bowen was badly but not seriously injured.

The wireless message continues: "A cavalry unit and additional artillery have arrived at this base. A regiment of infantry and another regiment of cavalry is on the way here. 'American troops have been despatched to the vicinity where Villa was reported as fighting with the Constitutionalists."

"The Americans want in a separate flying column. It is understood here that Constitutional troops have been despatched to the same neighborhood to co-operate in attempting to trap Villa."

[The battle in which Villa was defeated took place at Nampitaco. Villa's flight took him through Cruces and it is to that point probably that the U. S. troops have rushed.]

### "FEW HOURS WILL TELL STORY," SAYS FUNSTON OF HUNT

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 21.—"The next few hours may tell the story."

This was Gen. Funston's comment today on despatches relating to Villa's clash at Las Cruces with Carranza's troops coming north from Chihuahua, the bandit's defeat and subsequent flight north, directly toward three southbound American cavalry columns. With these detachments of United States soldiers based for San Miguel de Babelacoa, 13 Valle and Carmen, any effort on Villa's part to escape to the north seems effectively stopped.

A hard night ride brought the American soldiers close to their quarry today. While army headquarters have no definite word that the commander of the Carranza column is formally keeping in touch with Gen. Pershing, the latter, through his own scouts, evidently is being kept advised of the former's Mexican movements.

On the map it looks like Villa might be in hot water," remarked Gen. Funston. "But we must not forget he will have free movement over a big bit of country and that he knows every trail and cow path in these mountains."

According to the best information at army headquarters, Villa will

LECTURES FOR NON-CATHOLICS. ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 21.—The Rev. J. M. The Upward Bound...